

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 16 to read as follows:

1 (currently amended): A recording liquid for use in an ink jet printer having a nozzle or orifice from which the recording liquid is discharged, the recording liquid comprising a pigment and two or more kinds of fine resin particles, wherein the dispersion polarity of the pigment in water is the same as the dispersion polarity of each of the two or more kinds of fine resin particles in water.

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2 (previously presented): A method for manufacturing a recording liquid for use in an ink jet printer having a nozzle or orifice from which the recording liquid is discharged, the method comprising the step of mixing an aqueous dispersion of a pigment, and an aqueous dispersion of two or more kinds of fine resin particles having a polarity same as the polarity of the aqueous dispersion of the pigment.

3 (withdrawn): A method for recording images on a recording medium by discharging droplets of the recording liquid from a recording head, wherein the recording liquid according to claim 1 is used as the recording liquid.

4 (previously presented): The recording liquid according to claim 1, wherein the fine resin particles comprise fine particles of a non-self-cross linking resin, and fine particles of a non-cross linking resin.

5 (previously presented): The recording liquid according to claim 1, wherein a number of resin particles equidistantly present around a certain particle when the particles are most closely packed ranges between 2 to 18.

6 (previously presented): The recording liquid according to claim 1, wherein an average diameter of each resin particle is greater than $0.01\mu\text{m}$ and less than $5\mu\text{m}$.

B1 7 (previously presented): The recording liquid according to claim 1, wherein a total content of resin particles is 10-70% by weight.

8 (previously presented): The recording liquid according to claim 1, wherein the pigment comprises an organic pigment.

9 (previously presented): The recording liquid according to claim 1, wherein the pigment comprises an inorganic pigment.

10 (previously presented): The recording liquid according to claim 1, wherein a solid content of pigment relative to a total quantity of the recording liquid is 1-50% by weight.

11 (previously presented): The method for manufacturing a recording liquid according to claim 2, wherein the fine resin particles comprise fine particles of a non-self-cross linking resin, and fine particles of a non-cross linking resin.

12 (previously presented): The method for manufacturing a recording liquid according to claim 2, wherein a number of resin particles equidistantly present around a certain particle when the particles are most closely packed ranges between 2 to 18.

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13 (previously presented): The method for manufacturing a recording liquid according to claim 2, wherein an average diameter of each resin particle is greater than $0.01\mu\text{m}$ and less than $5\mu\text{m}$.

14 (previously presented): The method for manufacturing a recording liquid according to claim 2, wherein a total content of resin particles is 10-70% by weight.

15 (previously presented): The method for manufacturing a recording liquid according to claim 2, wherein the pigment comprises an organic pigment or an inorganic pigment.

16 (previously presented): The method for manufacturing a recording liquid according to claim 2, wherein a solid content of pigment relative to a total quantity of the recording liquid is 1-50% by weight.

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17 (currently amended): A recording liquid for use in an ink jet printer having a nozzle or orifice from which the recording liquid is discharged, the recording liquid comprising a pigment and two or more kinds of fine resin particles, wherein the dispersion polarity of the pigment in water is the same as the dispersion polarity of each of the two or more kinds of fine resin particles in water and materials for the pigment and the two or more kinds of fine resin particles are selected in such a way as to substantially prevent clogging of the recording liquid at the nozzle or orifice of the ink jet printer.
